

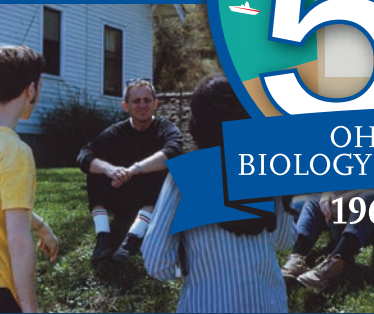
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OHIO RIVER
BIOLOGY FIELD STATION
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Celebrating 50 years of River Research

Inside: pull out calendar of anniversary events!

The Thomas More College Marching Saints, cheerleaders, dance team, and mascot took part, for the first time ever, in the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade. Kaylee Achor '19, Abby Enzweiler '20, Zack Fries '19, Taylor Kessen '17, Ashley Krauss '17, and Paris Quarles '18 represented the cheer squad; dance team members included DayNisha Bolden '20, Kelsey Finn '20, Shannon Smyth '20, Haley Steele '20, Taylor Ann Walz '19; Emma Reno '20 portrayed Tommy Mo; the Marching Saints included Brianna Abney '20, Courtney Barnoski '20, Alexis Bene '19, Kendra Berry '19, Marcus Born '20, Holly Bowman '18, Dylan Bromwell '18, Ashley Brown '20, Kaylee Bush '17, Aleksandra Casazza '20, Kyndal Cassini '19, Claire Cerimele '19, Candice Cummings, Savannah Dailey (NKU), Eric Dobias '19, Evan Eldred '19, Mikaila Erion '20, Colten Ernst '20, Cory Ernst '18, Zach Fannin '20, Jake Furman '17, Lindy Gamble '17, Jordan Geraci '20, Malik Gray '19, Amber Greene '18, Alexis Greenlea '20, Evan Harmeling '18, Kendall Hartline '20, Heather Hayes '20, Kelsey Hayward '20, Zach Huesman '20, Javontae Jennings, Bri Landrum '19, Johnny Lewis '20, Natalie Meader '21, Kristen Miller '18, Grace Moore '20, Alexandra Mysonhimer '20, Rebekah Nielson '20, Thomas Payne '19, Stephen Peterson '20, Asia Powell '20, Danyelle Rehtin '19, Robin Rice '20, Alex Richmond '20, Stacey Rider '18, Angel P. Rodriguez '20, Chloe Rosenberger '20, Susan Rouse '20, Daniel (Sam) Simpkins '19, James Steinmetz '20, Sam Tepe '19, Erica Travis '20, Emilee Urlichich '19, Tyler Walls '20, Jonathan Walter '20, Bekah White '17, Jordan Wilt '19, Abigail Zanone '20. Congratulations and go Saints!

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These are exciting times at Thomas More College! Even as we prepare to celebrate major historical milestones, the college community is busy creating new traditions. One such new tradition is the participation of the Marching Saints, Cheerleaders, Dance Team, and Tommy

Mo Mascot in the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade. As I accompanied this talented group of students marching and playing through the streets of Cincinnati, I reflected upon how far these programs have come in just a few short years. The band began with just 26 members in 2014 and now is close to 100 strong. Great things will continue to happen as we tap into the spirit and pride these students demonstrate as they represent TMC to the larger community.

The same is true of the students who push the envelope with their research at the Thomas More College Ohio River Biology Field Station. It's been 50 short years since Sr. Mary Laurence and Fr. Herman Kamlage wrote the grant that secured for TMC the former USACE Lock & Dam House #35 and the surrounding 25 acres of riverfront in California, Ky. Building on the success of the Field Station's early advocates, this unique facility inspires today's students to become tomorrow's scientists as they study the local ecosystem and work hand-in-hand with federal agencies and side-by-side with professionals in the STEM fields. I am pleased to say that because of the generosity of the R.C. Durr Foundation, Inc., plans are now underway to expand the STEM outreach program through construction of additional classroom space at the Field Station. Read more about the history, the coming celebration, and the gift, starting on **page 16**.

On a more personal note, in this issue of *Moreover*, I was moved to share how a recent mission trip I embarked on this spring to Jamaica with the international Catholic charitable organization Mustard Seed Communities had a profound impact on my faith. Many faculty and staff members at TMC live the mission of the College through various excursions to remote parts of the globe to help those less fortunate; I committed to follow their lead and take part in a mission trip of my own. The experience was life-changing and it gave me a newfound respect for our students and faculty who "examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world, and their responsibility to others."

TMC is the place to be! God Bless and Go Saints!

President David A. Armstrong, J.D.

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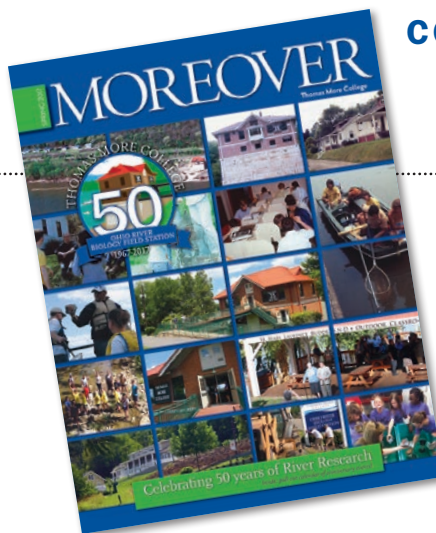
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Catholic Values and the Search for Truth

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SUBMITTED BY SR. FIDELIS TRACY, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR THEOLOGY

What is a Catholic Identity? Hint: it's not an app for your smart phone. Would you know one if you saw one? Would you want one if it was available? If you graduated from Thomas More College, which identifies itself as a Catholic college, and you were trying to explain how that self identification influenced your experience, would you be able to select some elements of your experience that reflect the Catholic Identity of your education? What value did this Identity add to your educational experience?

If you are currently a student, faculty member, or staff member, how does the Catholic Identity enrich your experience? Did the Catholic Identity of the College influence your choice to be at Thomas More College?

If you are a parent of a student or someone who supports the College, how do you hope the Catholic Identity of the College will enhance the lives of the students who attend classes?

These questions represent some of the areas of concern addressed by the Catholic Identity Committee of Thomas More College. This committee, in the fall of 2016, was given the charge of finding practical ways to elevate the Catholic Identity within the College community as well as within the larger community. Hopefully, the Catholic Identity will be a major attraction for persons searching for their preferred choice for higher education.

The first order of business for the committee was to define the Catholic Identity of the College. The committee arrived at the following:

The Catholic Identity of the College is expressed by the visibility of Catholic values in all aspects of the life of the College. These values are:

- the search for truth,
 - the recognition of the dignity of each human person,
 - the provision of service to others,
- all within an atmosphere of mutual respect.

Now it is your turn to help the committee. Please let us know how these values were, or are, a part of your experience of Thomas More College. Also let us know what hopes you have in terms of how the Catholic Identity of the College will enrich your life. Here are some questions to get you started:

–How did you experience (or are you experiencing) the search for truth? Identify a particular Catholic influence in the way truth was pursued. What difference did that influence make in your life?

–How did you experience (or are you experiencing) the recognition of the dignity of human persons in classes, extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, residence life, and other interactions? Name something in particular that impressed you as part of the Catholic approach to “person.”

–Give some examples of how you were called to service. Was this call related to the Catholic Identity of the College? Is this something you would have felt called to even in a secular atmosphere?

–What recommendations would you make that you believe would enhance the Catholic Identity of the College and enrich the experience of faculty, staff, and students? How would you emphasize the Catholic Identity of Thomas More College in a way that would attract students, faculty, and staff?

Submit your reflections to MOREOVER@THOMASMORE.EDU by August 15, 2017 with the subject heading “Catholic Identity,” or return your response in the envelope at the center of this issue of *Moreover*.

The committee will reflect on your responses and include some of them as a follow up discussion in the next edition of *Moreover*. Thank you for taking time to get in touch with your Catholic Identity!

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF TMC'S 2015-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN

The first goal of the Strategic Plan is to **Value More: Highlight the Meaning and Relevance of a Thomas More College Education**. Strategies are in place to enhance appreciation of the Catholic liberal arts identity of Thomas More College.

A few of the accomplishments to date include:

- **Catholic Business and Professionals Network** - launched in September 2015
- **Institute for Religious Liberty** - established to advance the American concept of religious freedom as an inalienable right and the protection of this right for all people
- **Ethical Leadership Studies** - established as a field of study with both a bachelor's and master's degree available
- **Bishop Foy's Scholarship** - created as a competitive scholarship designed for Catholic students interested in furthering their involvement in ministry and service
- **Campus Ministry** - enhanced initiatives include TMC as the first Catholic College to host a Rosary Rally on campus and introduction of the Agape Latte series, a monthly event designed for students to learn more about faith and religion in an inviting and social atmosphere

“What do you seek?” John 1:38



Photo by David Cooley, Assistant Editor Messenger

SUBMITTED BY SOFIE VIETAS '19

“I’m sorry to interrupt your prayer.” A voice broke into the peacefulness of the room. “The Fire Marshal has informed us that the length of the confession line has become a fire hazard. Please refrain from joining the line until it becomes significantly shorter. Thank you.”

I never thought I’d witness a scene like this. But then I went to SEEK 2017.

Right before the start of the spring semester, a group of students from Thomas More College joined 13,000 young adults to attend SEEK, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) biennial conference. The conference took place in San Antonio, Texas, from January 3-7. Some highlights were men and women’s talks, break-out sessions, an adoration night, and fun activities like concerts, a comedian, and an ‘80s dance.

Growing in your faith during college is hard. For me, it’s a struggle to put forth the initiative and energy to build my relationship with God and a community with those around me. I needed a push, a burst of energy, some tools to expand my knowledge and love of my faith. I somehow didn’t expect this; I thought it would be just another retreat, a nice experience.

I was wrong. It was exactly what I needed.

TMC students met in small groups every afternoon to discuss how the retreat was going. During these meetings, we reflected on our experiences and where we were encountering Christ. “Seek what moves you” was the theme of the week; and SEEK gave us the

Above: TMC students who attended SEEK 2017 met with Bishop Roger Foy to describe their experiences and how they plan to continue to be catalysts for keeping Catholic Identity a strong part of a Thomas More College education. From left to right are Professor Caitlin Dwyer, Emilee Urlichich '19, Sofie Vietas '19, Marc Neltner '85, Courtney Neltner '17, Hannah Bockweg (NKU student), Greg Warner '17, Joanna Roessler (dual credit student), Katie Bischoff '17, Joseph Schneider '19, Jenna Willett '19, Caroline Middendorf '19, Ran Liwag '17, Tim McDonald '20, Kristin Klocke '17, Professor Jack Rudnick, and Andrew Cole. Additional attendees not pictured are Gillian Casey '19, Chelsea Doering '18, Kendal Emerson '20, Lydia Fischesser '18, Savannah Frank '17, Evan Harmeling '18, Jacob Hensley '19, Riley Kinsella '18, Chris Loos '19, Bridget Neltner '20, Will Neltner '18, Brooke Schleben '17, Eli Smith, and Maria Syfert '17.

encouragement and resources we needed to push out in this new semester and move towards holiness.

Each person’s experience was unique. Jacob Hensley '19 has gone to Catholic school his whole life. “I always felt like I knew facts about my faith but did not really understand what it was all about,” he explained. “SEEK helped me to understand what it really means to be Catholic.” Another student, Savannah Frank '17, pointed out that “we didn’t have to be Catholic to grow in our faith. I learned a lot of Catholicism, but I also was able to grow as a non-denominational Christian.” Brooke Schleben '17 had never attended a retreat like SEEK. She confided, “I was pretty nervous and scared to come because it was out of my comfort zone, but it was amazing.”

Prominent Catholic speakers such as Mark Hart, Lisa Cotter,

What is “SEEK”?

SEEK is more than just a national conference, it is an invitation to college students everywhere to explore life’s bigger questions: who we are, where we’re going, and what we seek along the journey. Hosted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), this conference encourages all students to come explore what they truly seek: to learn about the faith, to share in friendship, to be encouraged in their unique vocation and to experience the love, hope, and the very real presence of Jesus Christ through His Church.

For five days every other year, SEEK gathers thousands of college students together from all across the country for a time of prayer, fellowship, engaging talks, inspiring entertainment and, most importantly, a chance to encounter Christ in a life-changing way. The 2017 SEEK Conference took place in San Antonio, Texas, from January 3-7. Thomas More College students and chaperones made the trek to take part in this one-of-a-kind event where faith takes center stage for five glorious days.

“I am ready to take the lessons I have learned from SEEK and apply them to my everyday life, especially my prayer life and in my relationships with others.” - Caroline Middendorf '19

Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sarah Swafford, Leah Darrow, John O'Leary, Dr. Edward Sri, and many more, taught us about the faith and how to live it in our daily lives. “They speak to both the head and the heart and do so with love and respect,” said Greg Warner '17. “The speakers knew how to relate to everyone in the room and gave phenomenal advice to carry out your daily life,” acknowledged Joanna Roessler. Kristin Klocke '17 agreed, “The speakers were so inspirational and on fire with their faith and this enthusiasm was contagious. It spread to everyone who was present at SEEK and made us want to share our faith with all who we encountered.”

The evening of adoration and confession was particularly impactful. “It was so overwhelming to pray together with 13,000 other college students,” said Kristin, “all the while knowing that when it comes to my relationship and conversation with God, it's as if no one else in the room matters, it's just Him and me.” The SEEK band played meditative music during a beautiful Eucharistic procession. It was a beautiful time to pray about what we'd heard and plan how to apply it when we went back home.

SEEK lasted less than a week, but all of us left energized to tackle our lives with renewed vigor. “I am ready to take the lessons I have learned from SEEK and apply them to my everyday life, especially my prayer life and in my relationships with others,” shared Caroline Middendorf '19. “The whole week took the seed that was planted

in me and gave it a chance to grow and flourish, and that is exactly what happened,” commented Jacob. “I can honestly say that it was the most impactful week of my life.”

For me, SEEK was not only a motivation to keep working, but also a reminder that it's not all my work. God is the mover. Living my faith is not a checklist that I can complete, but a relationship: I need to be open to simply receive God's love moment to moment. “O draw me, Lord,” a hymn says, “and I'll run after you.” God is madly in love with me, continually pouring down gifts upon me, in the people I see, in the opportunities and problems I face, in the world surrounding me. My part is to respond by receiving in gratitude, by falling in love with Him.

“My favorite part of the SEEK conference,” Courtney Neltner '17 concluded, “was that it was a chance for us to see that the Catholic Church is not dead, that some 13,000 young adults cared enough about their faith to travel to Texas—from nearby states all the way to us in Kentucky, and as far away as New York and Austria. The sight of so many bowing their head in prayer for adoration is an amazing sight and one that I wish those who are losing hope in my generation would see.” This powerful sign of growth is a source of encouragement to the Catholic Church as a whole, but it is also a personal one for me; I am not alone in my journey towards Christ.

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Over 13,000 college students attended the five-day SEEK conference.



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ATHLETIC TRAINING QUIZ BOWL

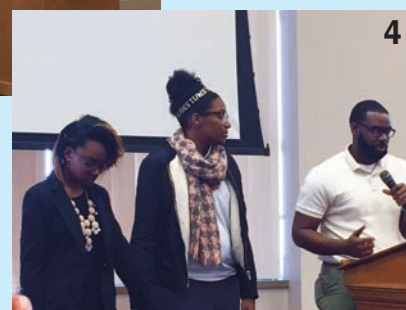
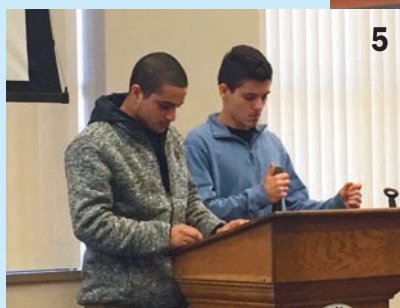
Thomas More College finished first among all other colleges and universities in the state of Kentucky at the Southeast Athletic Training Association (SEATA) District 9 Athletic Training Quiz Bowl. The district is made up of 10 states in the southeastern United States. In their first time participating in this competition, TMC students finished fourth overall out of 25 teams! Congratulations to these students and Professor Brian Edwards, the Director of the Athletic Training program.



The SEATA quiz bowl team members Joe Pfiester '17, Austin Bryant '17, Brian Edwards (Director of Athletic Training), Olivia Schmitt '17, Heather Martin '17, and alternate Wes Lewis '17.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

When President Donald Trump issued an executive order in January suspending travel to the United States from seven Muslim-majority nations, President Armstrong signed his support to a statement from the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. This document demonstrates solidarity among Catholic higher education organizations and "recognize(s) the moral obligation of our country to assist migrants." Against the backdrop of Thomas More College's mission to, in part, "challenge students of all faiths..." an interfaith prayer service was held. Prayers from the following faiths were shared: Catholicism, Protestant (Christian Methodist Episcopal and Southern Baptist), Hindu, Judaism, and Islam. Pictured (clockwise from left) 1) Andrew Cole, Director of Campus Ministry leads the Interfaith Prayer Service 2) Dr. Jyoti Saraswat, Associate Professor of Mathematics and Physics 3) Father Gerald Twaddell, Chaplain/Professor of Philosophy 4) Students Paris Quarles '18 and Angel Curry '18 with Antwone Cameron, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs 5) Students Hrusto Selimovic '19 and Sulieman Kayed '19 6) Tony Otten '15, Admissions Coordinator 7) Dr. Malcolm Robinson, Professor of Economics





SPRING CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

An impressive showing of 75 companies participated in the Spring Career and Internship Fair held on Feb. 1, 2017. Coordinator of Career Planning Emily Hellman praised the fantastic results, "This is a wonderful event for students to connect with local companies and organizations, to begin preparing for their future. It is also a great opportunity for employers to recruit for their hiring needs and gain exposure to our talented students! I am looking forward to making next year even bigger and better." TMC senior Kristen Weber '17, one of the 192 students who participated, had this to say; "The career fair was an amazing opportunity, especially since I will graduate in May. I got to engage with companies I knew I was interested in, and some I wasn't sure about until I got to speak with them. I also gave my resume to a lot of different companies, so I know when I apply for a job online they will already have my name. It was really eye-opening and gave me the push I needed to start the search for my future career!" During the event a professional interview competition took place with an anonymous donor supplying prize money for the top three students. Brittaney Gibson '20 took first place, Joshua Hunter '17 came in second, and Shanna Doumont '18 was third. Congratulations to all who participated!



HELPING HANDS FOR INMATES

Dr. Amy Thistlethwaite, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the department of criminal justice, along with TMC criminal justice students helped 12 inmates housed at the restrictive custody unit of the Campbell County Detention Center complete the P.O.R.T.A.L. New Direction program as part of the students' course requirements for a Probation and Parole course. The course was coordinated with Officer Tatia Moore from District Seven Probation and Parole, and educates the students about the obstacles inmates face upon release and the local resources intended to meet those needs. Pictured are: (back row, from left) Matthew Betustak '17, Chris McEvoy '19, Julia Echols '18, Sydney Polster '18, Amber Greene '18, Sam Simpkins '19, (front row, left to right) Noah Frantz '18, Amy Thistlethwaite, and Ethan Kramer '19. Not pictured are Kendra Berry '19, Anel Bosnjakovic '19, Joe Paolucci '18, Andrew Routson '19, Michael Smiley '17 and Daniel Williams '18.

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ONE SAINTS MARCH

TMC student Samantha Darpel '19 describes her experience as a member of the Thomas More College campus community.

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

View a photo gallery of the November 2016 ceremony inducting the newest members into this honor society.

WHY STUDY THEOLOGY?

Professor Caitlin Dwyer expounds upon the benefits of a liberal arts education that requires theology in the core curriculum.

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MEN'S CLUB RUGBY EARNS NATIONAL RANKING IN FIRST YEAR

In the inaugural year of TMC's Men's Club Rugby Program, the team was ranked among the best. In the Men's Top 50 Fall Rankings released by the National Small College Rugby Organization, TMC's Men's Rugby came in at 32. This list was based on approximately 185 NSCRO playoff-eligible teams that participated in fall league play. The men's final record was 6-1 with the only loss to Xavier University, the number-one ranked team in the country. The Saints were the only team to score a try on Xavier during the regular season. Noteworthy TMC victories came against Eastern Kentucky University, nationally ranked Ohio Wesleyan University, and Wittenberg University. Congratulations, Saints Ruggers!



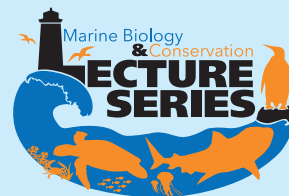
TMC's men's rugby team is comprised of players from 18 different high schools in seven different states

Dr. Chris Lorentz, Dr. Gitte McDonald, and Dan Dunlop of the WAVE Foundation.



MARINE BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION LECTURE SERIES

The first lecture of 2017 featured Dr. Gitte McDonald, a physiological and behavioral ecologist and assistant professor of vertebrate ecology at the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories in Monterey Bay, Calif. McDonald specializes in marine vertebrates, and her talk was aptly titled "Emperors of the Ice: The Physiological Ecology of an Iconic Antarctic Predator, the Emperor Penguin." This joint effort between Thomas More College and the WAVE Foundation addresses critical issues in the fields of marine biology and conservation. Don't miss the next lecture in the series on Wednesday, June 14, as Dr. Wallace J. Nichols, research associate at California Academy of Sciences and co-founder of Ocean Revolution, presents Blue Mind. For more information, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/LECTURES.



Presented by:
Thomas More College
& WAVE Foundation at the Newport Aquarium

A full house awaits the 2017 kick-off lecture with Dr. Gitte McDonald in the Riverside Room at the Newport Aquarium.



At the Epicenter of Campus and the Heart of Our Mission



Photo by J.M. Wolf

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW COLE, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY



As the Director of Campus Ministry, I have grown accustomed to giving 30-minute tours from a Campus Ministry perspective. On a typical tour, after having left the Administration Building from under the breezeway with basic introductions having been made, I then look up over the trees and begin my “formal tour.” Upon first sight of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, I begin to tell the prospective student and parent, “Our Chapel is literally at the geographic center of campus. The reason it is at the very center of campus is because Jesus is literally and figuratively the center of Thomas More College. We did this intentionally. Jesus is the beginning and end of all knowledge, and our faith-based institution communicates this through our Chapel.”

It is after I say these words, when we are about halfway down the sidewalk to the Chapel (I can point to the exact place on the sidewalk), that without fail every student and parent becomes noticeably “moved” in agreement with this Christ-centered/faith-centered view of the campus. There is a sigh of relief on the faces of the parents as they turn to their son or daughter as though to say, “This is great, this is what it’s about, YOU can be comfortable here because it is a place of faith.” I add into the conversation at this point that this is a family, community-based college experience. The connection is then made that faith is what builds that family, community-based experience.

I continue my typical tour by saying, “Yes, we are a Catholic-Christian institution, and we also recognize that half of our students are not Catholic. We welcome them and there is a place for them on campus, to explore and live their faith out as well. We want them to feel comfortable and respect where they are coming from in terms

of faith. That is part of the strength of the TMC experience.” This also brings a sigh of relief from those parents whose son or daughter is not Catholic but are serious about their relationship with God according to their faith-community background.

After all of the tours that I have given for prospective students of different faith-backgrounds over the past year, I have come to experience ever more intensely that this is what Campus Ministry builds upon. It builds as though upon “the rock” of Jesus instead of the “shifting sand” which the Lord speaks about in the Gospel. In the Gospel, Our Lord advised us about how to build if you want your endeavor to last.

This message of how to build is enshrined by the very presence of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel on campus. While I am certainly no expert in religious architecture or the theological implications involved, I do know that there are three points of importance from my perspective on campus which are the following: Bishop Roger J. Foys, our Chancellor, consecrated (consecrate: “to set aside for a holy purpose”) Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel; the Chapel represents the literal Body of Christ; and Jesus is there (in the tabernacle) waiting for a “hello” from any student, faculty, staff or alumnus or visitor of Thomas More College, even if it is just for a moment (before a student takes a test, for example). He is here in our midst, accompanying us all as a friend on what St. John Paul II often called, “The Pilgrimage of Faith.” We can be thankful to all of the benefactors that made this beautiful Chapel possible as an enduring sign that TMC lives out its call to be “salt and light” to all of society and to the future generations of TMC Saints. If you are ever on campus, be sure to visit and say a quick “hello.”

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Giving Back



WHY WE GIVE TO TMC...

“I had a somewhat different path to Thomas More. After struggling for two and a half years in engineering at Notre Dame, the school decided Notre Dame was not for me. My father (Ed) was on the board of trustees at Thomas More at the time and suggested (?) I apply. This was a time of some soul searching for me, and I realized that Thomas More was my last chance for a college education. The

accessibility of my teachers, small class size and help in landing part-time jobs in my field of accounting all contributed to many blessings coming my way over a career in accounting and banking.

The college has developed from the ragtag group of buildings on Twelfth Street in Covington at the time I attended, to the wonderful campus they have today, and I am glad to be able to play a small part in continuing the growth that many have accomplished. I also am proud that two of my grandchildren (Kristin and Ross Klocke) are currently attending Thomas More.”

Clara Ann and Pat Klocke '64

CLASSROOM NAMED FOR CLASS OF '66

SUBMITTED BY TONY RODERICK,
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

The Class of 1966 enjoyed their 50th reunion festivities during Homecoming Weekend on September 23 and 24, 2016. As part of their 50th Graduation Anniversary, the class held a year-long challenge to collect contributions in order to leave a “thank you gift” to the College. Thirty-four percent of the class responded with a donation, and the funds collected were sufficient to permanently name a classroom honoring the Class of 1966.

This gift of appreciation, while continuing to “give back” for the outstanding education they received 50 years ago, will serve as a very visible and constant reminder to current students of the ongoing support from alumni.



President David A. Armstrong with Denny Kehoe, Ellen (Wernersbach) Roesel, Gerry (Schneider) Zembrodt, and Tom Woodruff from the Class of 1966 Reunion Committee with the newly installed classroom plaque.

Monsignor Murphy Legacy Society

CREATE YOUR LEGACY AT TMC

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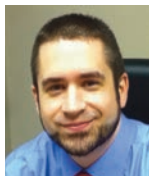
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⋮ go to **PAGES 29-31**.

Challenges in Higher Ed 2017

Education Through Online Delivery

SUBMITTED BY ANTHONY SCHUMACHER, DIRECTOR OF THOMAS MORE COLLEGE ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR POLITICAL SCIENCE, BUSINESS, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY LEADERSHIP STUDIES



Thomas More College accelerated adult and professional programs (TAP) is expanding to include additional online offerings. Currently, the college offers online degrees for the Master of Business Administration (MBA), the Bachelor of Arts in Ethical Leadership, and Master of Arts in Ethical

Leadership. Plans for future online degrees include RN (Registered Nurse) to BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing), Bachelor of Business Administration, and Associate in Management.

TAP, created in 1993, has consistently produced successful alumni since its inception. The college's undergraduate adult program combines major-focused coursework with the liberal arts core curriculum. Graduates are not only prepared to succeed in their chosen fields, but also further develop the critical thinking and analytical skills provided by their majors and the liberal arts. By adding additional online degrees to TAP, more students will be able to experience the outstanding faculty that teach at the College.

A perception exists that online courses do not provide the same quality experience as the face-to-face classroom. Online courses and the concept of quality do not have to be mutually exclusive ideas. Some hear the word "online" and immediately conjure the negative images often associated with Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The College does not engage in MOOCs, but provides the same faculty/student ratio online as established in on-ground programs. The goal remains the same—a quality, values-based education. Online classes can possess the same level of quality as face-to-face or on-ground classes through a different medium. Thomas More College has made the commitment to its faculty and students to provide the necessary innovation and continuous training in the creation and facilitation of online courses.

According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, exclusive "distance education" enrollment grew more rapidly among private

nonprofit institutions than any other sector from 2012-2014. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) reported that 5.7 million students were enrolled in "distance education" courses in 2014. Thomas More College has seen growth in its online MBA program, which provides students who may not be able to attend classes on campus the ability to experience the outstanding TMC faculty in an online setting.

Online degrees provide adult students with the convenience and flexibility needed to help them achieve their educational goals. Each TAP student has multiple roles; they are employees or employers, parents, spouses, and sometimes caregivers for family members battling illness. They are active in their communities and churches. They are busy people. We provide them with an education that meets their scheduling needs and does not make them rearrange their family and work lives in order to come to campus. In my time at the College, many single parents have expressed angst over finding a babysitter so they can come to classes. If they cannot come to TMC, we will bring TMC to them. Scheduling conflicts will not prevent someone from earning a degree from Thomas More College.

As the Catholic College of the Diocese of Covington, it is exciting to visualize the expansion of Thomas More College and its nonprofit, faith-based education to students who need or want online education, as well as those areas that may be underserved due to their geographic proximity from colleges or universities. We live in a technology-driven, digital age. Thomas More College will continue to provide the same quality education as we move further into the online environment.

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WITH A DEGREE FROM TMC'S ACCELERATED ADULT AND PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

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TMC alumni qualify for a graduate tuition scholarship of \$1,000!



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Excellent Educators

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSOR?

Don't see your favorite in the mix? Let us know by emailing MOREOVER@THOMASMORE.EDU or send a note in the envelope inside this *Moreover*. (Please include your name and class year.)



REBECA TACY AND PEG OWEN

JULIE ROMITO '16

When I graduated from The Christ Hospital School of Nursing in 2006, I swore I was never going back to school. After a few years, I thought I should go back, but was never serious about it. I was afraid to go back, afraid of the unknown. I can still remember sitting in class on the first night, my anxiety level a 10/10 thinking what on earth have I gotten myself into? Can I even do this? I think heaven sent our first professor that night, **Monica Meier**. It was like she knew I (maybe more than me) was nervous. She knew exactly what to say, and I thought I CAN do this. **Peg Owens** (who is a hoot), taught us the importance of research. Then there was **Rebeca Tacy**. She is funny, kind, and passionate about what she does, in nursing and teaching. She expanded my view on community nursing. I learned so much from these women. This has been the longest/fastest journey I've ever been on. I made some awesome new friends on the way!!! Thank you, Sarah Wood, for believing in me. You are a true inspiration, and a beautiful example of what a leader should be! I am blessed to work for an organization that believes in its employees, and offered this experience. Last but not least, I simply could not have done this without the support of my family and friends. Thank you for putting up with all of my venting, crying, and procrastination. Who knows? Maybe in another 10 years I'll get my master's.



SR. MARY LAURENCE



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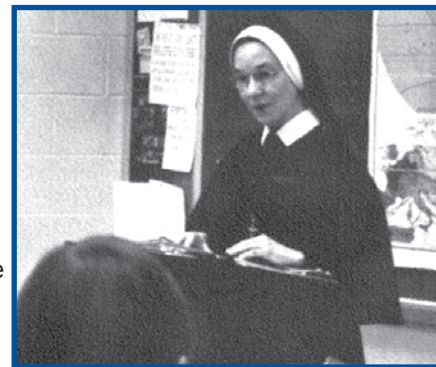
JOHN CIMPRICH '71

As a 1971 graduate, my most influential teachers were **Sr. Mary Philip Trauth, SND**, and **Nancy Bruns**, both in the

history department and now deceased. The two of them prepared me well for graduate school and a teaching career by covering much useful material and giving students much practice in speaking, reading, and research. The senior paper, directed by Sr. Philip, especially prepared me for professional writing. Ms. Bruns very helpfully trained us in finding and dissecting a publication's thesis. Both were approachable and encouraging.



NANCY BRUNS



SR. MARY PHILIP TRAUTH, SND

DR. LINDA (CALLAN) FINKE '71

I had two favorite teachers at Thomas More! **Nancy Bruns** was a fabulous history prof especially when it came to Constitutional history—what a treat that was! **Sr. M. Laurence, SND '53** was a wonderful biology teacher.

FORMER PROFESSOR TURNS HIS PEN TO FICTION

After spending his career teaching, writing, and directing theatre, former TMC professor and alumnus **Ron Mielech '57** has written his first novel entitled "**The Heroes of '45**," published by Dorrance Publishing Co. in January 2017. When asked "why now?" "Doc" responded, "Never too late to try something new."

This tale of historical fiction takes place in 1945 and follows thirteen-year-old Richard Townsend on the home front during the war years as he learns that being a hero doesn't necessarily mean taking a place on the front lines. Though the major storyline is entirely fabricated, many of the places were real and Mielech has aspired to be as faithful as possible to the historical facts of the age.



Faculty Notes

KUDOS TO TMC FACULTY ON THEIR ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

Barb Amato, academic coach, participated as a national judge for the Mensa Foundation's U.S. Scholarship Program, scoring essays for American Mensa. This was her third year as a judge.

Caitlin Dwyer, adjunct professor, department of theology, presented "Living Intentionally With or Without a 'Ring by Spring'" at the Edith Stein Project at the University of Notre Dame in February 2017.



Dr. Dan Esterline, professor and department chair; **Dr. Tyler Green**, associate professor; and **Dr. Bill Wetzel**, associate professor; all of the chemistry department attended the 47th Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Covington, Ky., in May 2016 with TMC chemistry students Jared Justice '16, Kevin Burrige '16, Kelsey Hood '16, Christina Farwick '17, and Kelsey Sparks '15. Under the direction of the chemistry faculty, the students presented results from research that they performed at Thomas More College.

Dr. Melanie Fox, associate professor, department of economics, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Economics Association.

Dr. Michele Geiger, associate professor, department of communications, assisted with a volunteer interviewing skills workshop for high school juniors and seniors in the Forest Hills School District (Anderson Township, Ohio) in January. Professor Geiger

constructed an online interactive learning session that was completed by participants before one-on-one practice interviews took place. These sessions helped prepare students for college scholarship competition or entry into the workforce.



Travis Nipper '03, adjunct associate professor, department of business administration, was recently named to the role of Corporate Education Liaison for the Thomas More College Adult and Professional Program (TAP). This position is designed to help guide strategy to manage corporate and community relationships in an effort to drive enrollment growth for adult and nontraditional undergraduate and graduate programs.



Dr. Jack Rudnick, professor, department of business administration, was selected to speak in Mexico at the annual international program for Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the accrediting body for TMC's business department. Dr. Rudnick was also recently recertified as a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, professor, English, won first place for her short story "Crossing" in the Books By the Banks Writing Contest in fall 2016. This regional contest is sponsored through Ohio Humanities, The George and Margaret McLane Foundation and The Mercantile Library.



Dr. Rebeca Tacy, associate professor, department of nursing, was acknowledged for her commitment to education in and out of the classroom at the 29th Annual Celebration of Teaching Luncheon held by the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities. (Pictured are President David A. Armstrong, J.D., Dr. Rebeca Tacy, and Dr. Lisa Spangler-Torok, Chairperson of the Department of Nursing.)

Dr. Bill Wetzel, associate professor, chemistry department, along with Amberlie Clutterbuck '12 (BS chemistry, AA biology, currently in chemistry doctorate program at University of Cincinnati) and the late Joe Caruso, chemistry professor UC, had a manuscript entitled "Qualitative methods for VOC detection in condensed hookah tobacco and steam stone smoke" published in *Microchemical Journal*. This work was a collaboration between Thomas More College and UC.



PRESIDENT ARMSTRONG APPOINTED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

The National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) selected TMC President David A. Armstrong, J.D., to serve on its Committee on Accountability. NAICU is the only national organization solely focused on representing private, nonprofit higher education on public policy issues in Washington, D.C. According to a statement by NAICU, "Committee on Accountability members examine issues ranging from accreditation, to college costs, to transfer of credit, in order to help refine a policy of 'appropriate accountability' for NAICU institutions."

President Armstrong, who currently serves as the board chair for the Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities (GCCCCU), is a nationally-recognized expert in Title IX policy and compliance. David L. Warren, President of NAICU, cited President Armstrong's "insight and expertise" as being extremely helpful in his new role as a member of the Committee on Accountability.

Right: President Armstrong speaks at the 2017 Lawyers Lunch.





Living Our Mission: Reflections on a Service Trip to Jamaica

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SUBMITTED BY DAVID A. ARMSTRONG, J.D., PRESIDENT

It's not every day you find a college president in a mountain jungle far from civilization, wondering if he should have said no to a mission trip.

The first morning I woke up in Jamaica, I felt a burden of dread and uncertainty. I had just traveled thousands of miles to volunteer in a settlement that cares for the disabled. But what could I really do for the people here? Coming outside, I met Dan Hiltz '71, a member of TMC's Board of Trustees, and two local residents with Down syndrome, LeeChen and Michael. "Look, there's Dave!" Dan told his companions. "He's new! Go say hi!"

LeeChen and Michael ran up, smiling, and hugged me without hesitation. In an instant the anxiety lifted from my shoulders, and I felt at peace for the first time since landing in Kingston. Now I was ready to work.

Mustard Seed Communities, an international Catholic nonprofit, helps the most vulnerable populations in developing countries—the "orphans and widows" of James 1:27. Jacob's Ladder, a Mustard Seed community in Saint Ann Parish, Jamaica, cares specifically for adults with disabilities. It's the only haven of its kind in the country. While Jamaica may conjure beautiful resorts and sparkling blue water in the minds of tourists, it features unforgiving conditions for people with physical and mental handicaps, who often face abuse or abandonment, and receive no public support after they reach adulthood. Jacob's Ladder boasts a resident population of 96, but a waiting list of over 500. Residents range from those with intellectual challenges to those whose limited physical capacities prevent them from leading the normal lives they long for in Jamaica.

The staff who run the community aren't in this business for the money. They work twelve-hour shifts five to six days a week, earning scant compensation, fighting nuisances like bugs, heating water in shower bags for bathing. Their willingness to deny themselves for the sake of the needy embodies the spirit of Lent and demonstrates the practice of true servant-leadership.

My wife, Leslie, has worked in special education for almost

twenty years. Her career gave me an immediate personal connection with the work happening at Jacob's Ladder. But I have to confess that a mission trip attracted me because of the people I've met at TMC. I'm thinking of Dr. James Camp leading his Border Studies class to El Paso, Texas; Professor Tom Gilday taking students to Jamaica; Dr. Julie Luebbbers conducting medical mission trips to Nicaragua and founding her nonprofit TEN FE to build a school in Guatemala; and Professor Richard Shuey chaperoning Habitat for Humanity trips during spring break. Over the past few years, these and countless other Saints have impressed me with the way they fulfill their obligation to others through charity and service learning. Until Jamaica, I had never gone on a mission trip, but as I entered my fourth year as president, I knew from these examples that the choice to leave my comfort zone would effect real change in the world and give me a life experience in common with many others in the local community. Bob Hoffer, Gerry Benzinger, and Jim Dressman '74, from DBL Law Firm in Crestview Hills, had pushed me to go to Jamaica since I first came to Thomas More. Gerry and one of my group members, Mark Krahe, Sr., were indeed two of the men who first organized the mission and made it a northern Kentucky tradition.

In Jacob's Ladder, our days began at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast and praying the rosary, then continued with Mass in a tiny chapel—a strange sight in Jamaica, where only about two percent of people are Catholic. It was moving to hear how joyfully the residents sang, how grateful they seemed despite their humbling situations. After Mass, we trudged down a steep hillside of reddish clay—"the long orange mile," I came to call it—and arrived at a construction site where we could expect to be until dusk. It astounded me how much these fellows from northern Kentucky had accomplished. Their work included new facilities for housing, meetings, education, medical care, and worship. On this trip we were tasked with building four bathrooms from the ground up, then tiling them and installing a roof on one of the cottages. I hadn't done any major construction work in about twenty years, but Tom Duggan, my crew leader, put



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Left: President David A. Armstrong in action on the saw at Jacob's Ladder. Clockwise from top left: 1) Group shot of the members who took part in this trip to Jamaica. 2) "The long orange mile" leading to and from the construction site. 3) Gathering for Mass in the early hours. 4) LeeChen and Michael welcome President Armstrong to Jacob's Ladder.

me to work. Mustard Seed hopes eventually to build a hundred cottages in Jacob's Ladder and make it an agricultural hub where residents learn the pride of ownership by cultivating crops and raising livestock. It was a privilege to contribute to that vision.

Several memories from the trip remain strong for me. In the evening our group would gather for faith formation and reflection with our chaplain, Fr. Bob Ross, and one night we went to a local establishment to enjoy Jamaican fare. In a short time we grew in our relationship with God and our camaraderie with each other. I'll always cherish the experiences I had with my group members—our leader Guy Linnemann, Mark Krahe, Sr., Boone Riegler, Tom Duggan, Dan Hiltz, Tony Ruehl, Jay Schilling, Jay Broering, Jerry Lea, and Dan Heck, Sr.

I'll remember all the fun we had, especially the time the mission guides and I played a 2-on-2 soccer game near the residents' homes. Also, near the end of the trip, the residents and staff put on a talent show for us. I could sense God in the room that night; His presence was overwhelming. Jan Williamson, one of the nurses, sang like an angel. She is one of the best vocalists I have ever heard, and I hope to bring her to TMC one day so she can tour local churches.

One unforgettable experience happened early in the morning. I was walking around the camp when I saw a light pierce the trees on the mountain. I froze, reminded of the passage in Acts when Saul sees Christ on the road to Damascus. As the light dwindled, I felt suddenly shy, hoping God would reveal his wisdom to me in a new

way. A short time later, Fr. Bob began his Mass by announcing it was the feast day of St. Paul—formerly Saul, who had forsaken his old life to follow Christ. It was one of the most spiritually profound moments of my life. I cried during most of the service, realizing God had wanted me there. I felt truly at home.

When I arrived back in the Atlanta airport, the first thing I did was call my mother. I told her how grateful I was for her and my father providing me a good life in a country of abundance. In Jamaica, the absence of daily comforts—a familiar bed, a favorite meal—awoke me to the circumstances facing the poor worldwide. It also renewed my awareness that our lives consist not in the things we have but in loving God through both gratitude and service. That truth, I believe, is one message we should take to heart every Easter.

When I began this article on March 12, the Gospel reading for that Sunday struck me as oddly appropriate for the mission trip: "Rise, and do not be afraid," Jesus tells his disciples in Matthew 17:7 after the Transfiguration. A spirit free of fear is exactly what missionaries need to embrace God's plans for them and the world. It makes me proud to know how many Thomas More Saints have committed their time and even their treasure to being fearless difference-makers like those I met in Jacob's Ladder. In living out our mission statement, they are answering Jesus's call in Luke 14:14 to help the neediest people, the ones who cannot repay you. They have inspired me to try to do the same.

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Photo by Bruce Crippen

Biology Field Station 50 Years of River Research



SUBMITTED BY MARITA SALKOWSKI, COMMUNICATIONS & PR DIRECTOR | PHOTOS PROVIDED FROM TMC ARCHIVE



The year was 1967 and Villa Madonna College was undergoing major changes. The move from Covington to Crestview Hills had begun, and soon the College would change its name to Thomas More. Another big event, though less well known, also occurred in 1967. The Biology Department, through a grant written by Sr. Mary Laurence and Fr. Herman Kamlage, with help from Professors Humphries and Volker, received 25 acres along the Ohio River in Campbell County, Ky., from the federal government. This property, which was a former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock & Dam facility, became the Thomas More College Ohio River Biology Field Station. Since its humble beginnings in 1967, the Field Station has grown to become a premier research and teaching facility with its focus on the ecology of the Ohio River watershed and serves as a community resource for K-12 schools and the general public.

The Field Station is the only one of its kind operating on the banks of the entire 981-mile stretch of the Ohio River. Research began in 1971 when a group of students approached Duke Energy (then CG&E) about helping to support studies on the River. Duke has been supporting undergraduate research at the Field Station ever since. Today, undergraduate students conduct lab and field research projects in the areas of microbiology, water chemistry, fish surveys, biological assessments, and toxicology, among others. Each summer, the Field Station selects up to 12 of the brightest college students in the country through a highly competitive paid internship program. Roughly half of the internship slots are reserved for Thomas More College students, while the other openings are filled with students from major universities and colleges from around the country which have included Ithaca College in New York, the University of Florida, the University of North Carolina, University of California-Davis, and the University of Washington in Seattle, among others. Formal research collaborations exist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services. Both the Greater Cincinnati Water Works and the Northern Kentucky Water District utilize the facility for source water protection. Students interning at the Field Station each summer acquire research experience and, equally valuable, acquire connections to professional, working scientists.

One such research collaboration between TMC, Northern Kentucky University, the USEPA, ORSANCO and the Foundation for Ohio River Education, is aimed at protecting the drinking water source for the Greater Cincinnati community. The Field Station has erected a monitoring device to detect blue-green algal blooms on the Ohio River. Similar systems are being deployed elsewhere in the River's watershed. Dr. Mike Waters, a 1994 TMC alumnus and NKU mathematics professor, devised a way to monitor algal growth using

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Above: Early photo of Lock House No. 35 perched above the Ohio River and the surrounding acreage. Thomas More College received the property on a 30-year lease from the U.S. government on March 10, 1967, setting the stage for the Ohio River Biology Field Station.

**Introducing a giving society focused on
the Ohio River ecosystem**



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In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Biology Field Station, a giving society has been introduced that directly benefits the work and research accomplished by the students and faculty who are a part of this facility today. When you become a Friend of the Thomas More College Biology Field Station, you become part of a community of people who believe in hands-on, feet-wet scientific research, STEM education, and environmental protection. Together we create opportunities for people of all ages and walks of life to connect with the wonders of the Ohio River Watershed.

There are several levels of commitment available; from an Individual Membership for as little as \$50 a year to the Captain Membership for \$1,000 which includes use of the Lodge, tickets to the Marine Biology Lecture Series, and priority consideration for STEM camp registration. Learn more about this new giving society or sign up to become a member today by visiting tmcky.us/FriendsOfBFS or contacting Dr. Chris Lorentz at **859-344-3373** or **LORENTC@THOMASMORE.EDU**.

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OHIO RIVER
BIOLOGY FIELD STATION

1967-2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOST EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE BIOLOGY FIELD STATION
8330 MARY INGLES HIGHWAY, CALIFORNIA, KY 41007

MARCH 10 (FRIDAY)

Happy Anniversary!

Official kickoff with introduction
of Friends of the Field Station and
Calendar of Events.

APRIL 23 (SUNDAY)

Earth Day Celebration

2-6 p.m. Spring time mulching and planting
throughout the Field Station grounds plus
installation of the new Sister Mary Laurence
Nature Trail signs.

MAY 20 (SATURDAY)

Creative Writing Vision Workshop

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Reconnect with nature as you write
under the guidance of regional authors.
Registration required:

tmc.creativewritingprogram@gmail.com

JUNE 17 (SATURDAY)

Ohio River Sweep

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Be part of the nation's largest single-day river sweep: join volunteers cleaning up the shoreline of the Ohio River. Bags, gloves, refreshments provided.

www.orsanco.org/river-sweep

JUNE 24 (SATURDAY)

Fishing Rodeo

3-9 p.m. Shoreline fishing, all ages welcome; prizes for biggest fish, heaviest fish, largest variety of fish caught. Have fun! RSVPs required to lorentc@thomasmore.edu by June 17.

JULY 9-14

High School STEM Camp

High school students explore the STEM disciplines for five days/nights, working with TMC professors at the Biology Field Station and Crestview Hills campus. April 1 deadline.

JULY 23 (SUNDAY)

Grand Celebration "Friends of the Field Station" Concert & Picnic

A gathering to celebrate 50 years of research on the Ohio River. This community of people is creating opportunities for those of all ages and walks of life to connect with the wonders of the Ohio River Watershed. Look for additional details soon!

JUNE-JULY WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES 7 P.M. | TMC CONFERENCE CENTER (THE LODGE)

June 7: Greater Cincinnati Water Works

June 14: Ocean Conservancy at the Newport Aquarium*

June 21: Sanitation District No. 1

June 28: Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission

July 19: United States Environmental Protection Agency

July 26: United States Fish & Wildlife Services

August 2: United States Army Corps of Engineers

*Part of the Thomas More College/WAVE Foundation Marine Biology & Conservation Lecture Series in the Riverside Room at the Newport Aquarium. Features Wallace J. Nichols, Ph.D. Reserve your spot at THOMASMORE.EDU/LECTURES - 6 p.m. Reception | 7 p.m. Lecture

AUGUST 4 (FRIDAY)

Intern Research Presentations

9 a.m.-12 p.m. Presentation of research projects by Biology Field Station summer interns. Refreshments provided.

OCTOBER 8 (SUNDAY)

Fall Open House/Preview Day

1:30-3:30 p.m. Join TMC faculty, staff, and students for an Open House. Get answers to your college search questions: browsing fair, attend academic, admissions, and financial aid presentations, and tours.

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FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THESE EVENTS AND
INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIOLOGY FIELD STATION,
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1967

The College enters into a 30-year lease with the federal government to transform the former lock & dam facility into a Biology Field Station. This was made possible through a grant written by Sr. Mary Laurence and Fr. Herm Kamlage, along with biology professors Fred Humphries and Bill Volcker. Sr. Mary Laurence becomes the first Director of the Field Station and serves in this capacity from 1967-1991.



1996

The College receives a major grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation to renovate the former lockhouse into classrooms and laboratories.

1997

On March 10, 1997, a representative from the federal government visits the Field Station to turn over the property outright to the College at the completion of the original 30-year lease agreement.

1997-1998

The former lockhouse is renovated, receiving a complete overhaul of the interior, creating space for future research labs and classrooms.

1980



1967

1971

The Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company (now Duke Energy) provides the first funding for undergraduate research at the Station, marking the company's ongoing support of TMC. The project, initiated by TMC students, entailed study of the fish population and water chemistry of the River around Beckjord Power Plant.

1977

1970s-1990s

TMC professors, including Drs. Bill Bryant and John Ferner, offer summer programs that include teacher workshops, field trips and research projects.

1987

1991

Dr. John Hagman takes over as the second Field Station Director.

1970



1975

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a wireless camera, powered by the solar panel and a rechargeable battery. The camera snaps a photo every hour and transmits it to the Field Station's website. Based on the pixels in the photo, an application, developed by Dr. Waters, determines the ratio of green to blue-green algae in the water.

When abundant, blue-green algae produces toxins harmful to humans and wildlife. In 2015, the Ohio River experienced a major blue-green algal bloom that spread from Huntington, W.Va., to Louisville, Ky., causing the states to issue health advisories. This project was implemented as a result of the 2015 incident and was put in place to alert local drinking water authorities of any potential health concerns associated with Ohio River water.

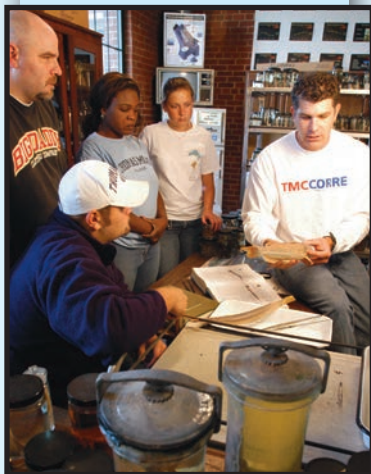
Dipping his hand into a large fiberglass trough, which circulates water from the Ohio River, Dr. Chris Lorentz, Director of the Field Station and the Environmental Science Program, pulls out a freshwater mussel to examine. "These are some of the crown jewels of biodiversity in our region and also serve as the canaries of the coal mine," Lorentz explains, equating them to the small yellow birds that were once used to herald danger in the air of underground mines. Mussels can be the first indication of problems in the water, and this region of the country is home to more diverse species of mussels than anywhere in the world. The United States Fish & Wildlife Service is providing funding and technical support for the freshwater mussel research that is underway. It's just one of the many research

collaborations between the Field Station and other agencies. "We are partnering with the largest federal agencies doing environmental and field research," Lorentz says proudly. "Through these collaborations and partnerships, our students have access to these experts which create unparalleled learning and networking opportunities. Apart from anything else, I'm most proud of the experiences we can offer our students and proud of what our graduates have gone on to accomplish."

While undergraduate research is the primary mission for the Field Station, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) outreach to K-12 schools is a close second. The Field Station hosts over 1,000 visitors each year, including 500 children from grade school through high school. The younger children get "behind the scenes of nature," according to Lorentz. "They can actually envision themselves as biologists and other scientists," he says, adding, "The Field Station offers younger students an opportunity to learn more about their local environment and, as importantly, gives them an opportunity to see science in action." Stomping through the muddy banks of the Ohio River, the students get a hands-on experience like no other. The high school students collect data and conduct experiments. While visiting the Field Station for daylong field trips or a weeklong summer camp, these students are immersed in the labs and in field research, generating a greater interest and understanding of the STEM fields. One student excitedly mentioned, "I thought the trip to the Field Station was pretty awesome! I wasn't really sure what to expect coming into it but it definitely exceeded

2000

Dr. Chris Lorentz becomes the third and current Field Station Director.



2009

2005

The Field Station enters into a formal collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the protection of the Ohio River as a drinking water source for the Greater Cincinnati area, as the Field Station grows from a seasonal facility to a year-round research and outreach center.

2011

The College completes a major capital campaign for the Field Station, raising over \$1.5M to construct a state-of-the-art, LEED-certified conference center and expand the outreach programs. The Sister Mary Laurence Outdoor Classroom and Interpretive Nature Trail are established and dedicated.

2016



2012

The Field Station establishes TSI (Thomas More College STEM Initiatives) — a year-long STEM outreach program for high school teachers and students, funded through a generous grant by the Toyota USA Foundation.

1997

2007

2017

2011



2012



2015

The Duke Energy Foundation grants the Field Station \$250,000 for water quality research and STEM outreach.

2017

50th Anniversary Celebration with introduction of Friends of the Field Station giving society.

my expectations. I thought the whole place was pretty neat. From collecting fish and testing water to the community outreach I think this is the type of place people need to see.” Through Thomas More College’s STEM Initiatives (TSI) program, funded initially by the Toyota USA Foundation and more recently by the DUKE Energy Foundation, the Field Station and other departments on campus offer a comprehensive, yearlong program of workshops, field trips, and camps. Faculty also expanded the program to include activities in the Arts, Reading, Writing and Ethics, taking TSI from STEM to STREAM! Last year, the Field Station was recognized as one of four field stations in the country with Best Management Practices in STEM Education, putting it in the company of Harvard University, Michigan State University, and Oregon State University.

With the success of both the research and STEM outreach programs, Lorentz faces a unique challenge. “Our ability to meet the growing demands for outreach and research is maxed out,” Lorentz admits. “We have hit the proverbial ceiling.” Currently, there’s a waiting list for summer camps and grade school field trips and some schools are prevented from visiting the Field Station, particularly those with large class sizes. Additional classroom space is necessary to continue serving the K-12 community. Lorentz points to a rundown storage shed that sits to the left of the converted lock house which is the main research building. “Over there, that’s where we will build the new STEM outreach center,” Lorentz states. He continues, “It will have classrooms, high-tech educational features, and as many

large windows overlooking the river as possible.” This new building will provide space for hundreds of additional students to come each year for school field trips and allows for increasing the number of research projects that could take place in the Field Station, e.g. expansion of the fresh water mussel research.

“I have been fortunate to carry the torch passed on to me from my predecessors and build on the foundation they began in 1967,” Lorentz states. “Beginning with Sr. Mary Laurence, the founder and first Director of the Field Station, to Dr. John Hageman, Director from 1991-2000, and numerous other faculty, including Professors Fred Humphries, Bill Volker, Bill Bryant and John Ferner, these people were visionaries about the potential of the Field Station. I’m standing on their shoulders and those of countless students, as we carry out the mission of education, engagement and empowerment around the Ohio River.” Lorentz, who has recently been elected as Vice President of the international Organization of Biological Field Stations, a group of 250 such facilities worldwide, says field stations play a critical role in research and STEM education. “Like no other, Field Stations offer a unique living and learning environment that can meet the challenges of a rapidly changing environment and the need to produce the next generation of STEM professionals.” It is his hope that the observance of the 50th anniversary of the Field Station raises the awareness and recognition necessary to secure funding to expand the facilities and strengthen the programs for the next 50 years.

MOREOVER

Future home
of the STEM
Outreach Center

Future Plans for the Field Station 50 More Years of River Research

SUBMITTED BY MARITA SALKOWSKI, COMMUNICATIONS & PR DIRECTOR

What better way to celebrate an anniversary than to build for the future! As the Thomas More College Ohio River Biology Field Station marks its 50th anniversary, we acknowledge the generosity of the R.C. Durr Foundation, Inc., and its gift of \$425,000. The money will be used to build a STEM* Outreach Center adjacent to the main research facility on the banks of the Ohio River near California, Ky.

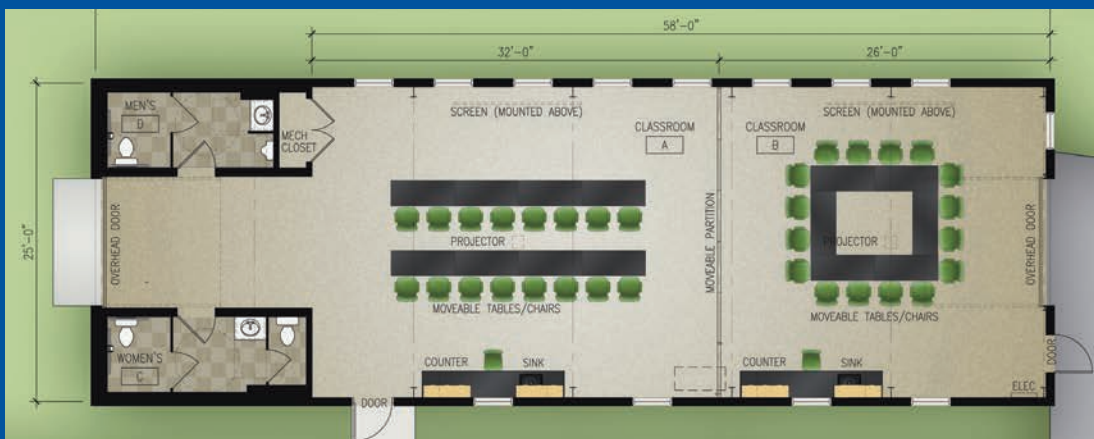
The K-16 STEM Outreach Center will provide physical space to meet the growing demand for field trips, allow more space for professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers, and enable

*Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

the current research facilities to have a separate standalone building for the STEM programs. "This gift affords us the opportunity to build a facility to accommodate the growing number of students, throughout the Greater Cincinnati area, as they explore and expand their interest in the sciences," says Christopher N. Lorentz, Ph.D., Director of the Thomas More College Biology Field Station.

Thomas More College is currently finalizing plans with the architect and going through the construction permitting phase. A ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony is tentatively set for July 23.

MOREOVER



Initial elevation and interior plan for the new STEM Outreach Center to be constructed at the Biology Field Station.

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SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, August 12, at 7:30 p.m.,
Kentucky Symphony Orchestra's Big Bad Devou Doo
Daddies will be Swinging Under the Stars on the Thomas
More College campus. Photo provided.



Join the Fun!

Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network and socialize, so mark your calendars to join us at these events in the coming year!

MAY

Friday | May 5, 2017 | 6 p.m.

YOUNG ALUMNI RECEPTION
TAFT'S ALE HOUSE - OVER-THE-RHINE

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Monday | May 22, 2017 | 11 a.m.

TMC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING
SUMMIT HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

To register, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/GOLFLCLASSIC

JULY

Monday | July 24, 2017 | 9 a.m.

SAINTS ATHLETIC GOLF OUTING
TRIPLE CROWN COUNTRY CLUB

To register, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/TMAGOLF

AUGUST

Saturday | August 12, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.

SWINGING UNDER THE STARS
CRESTVIEW HILLS CAMPUS



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SEPTEMBER

Friday | September 29, 2017 | 6 p.m.

CLASS OF 1967
50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Saturday | September 30, 2017 | 10 a.m.

HOMECOMING GAME DAY
(ALUMNI "SAINTS ZONE" TENT)

OCTOBER

Thursday | October 5, 2017 | 6 p.m.

BISHOP WILLIAM A. HUGHES AWARDS DINNER

Saturday | October 7, 2017

TMC ALUMNI DAY AT KEENELAND

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Class Notes

1970s



Penelope (Bayless) Rogers '70 was honored at Notre Dame Academy as one of three women to receive the Women Making a Difference Award on March 16.

Penelope was acknowledged for her dedication and commitment to others both during her years as an educator and after retiring as a servant leader in her community. Congratulations, Penny!

1990s

Michele (Barton) Crowley '90 is looking forward to changes in the near future; "This is my 27th year in Pendleton County. After next year, I will be retiring and looking for a new adventure to begin! While I have loved working in technology for Pendleton County Schools for all these years, I'm looking forward to doing something new and different. Our son, Sean, graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and Pat is continuing to teach science in New Richmond, Ohio. It's always great running into friends from my TMC days!"

Jamie Doskocil '98 accepted a position with the Ohio State Highway Patrol as a Program Administrator 3. He has also been appointed co-chair of Ohio's Traffic Records Coordinating Committee. Congratulations, Jamie!

2000s

Blanche Gaynor '04, President, Writing Enhancement Services, received the 4th Annual Spirit of Achievement Award which honors women involved in the NKY Chamber of Commerce Women's Initiative program who have

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demonstrated professional leadership and community involvement. The award, sponsored by BB&T, was presented at the Women's Initiative Annual Breakfast in January. Blanche has been involved in the Women's Initiative since its launch in 2008. *Blanche (center) with Adrienne Stroupe (left) of BB&T and Wonda Winkler '90 (right), chair of the NKY Chamber Women's Initiative.*



Garry Horton '06 has joined Gilman Partners as a Search Consultant in their Cincinnati, Ohio, location. His role is to support senior recruiters on their

search for talented people who fit the unique culture of client organizations. Previous to joining Gilman Partners, Garry was Director of External Relations at Leadership Scholars of Cincinnati. Congratulations, Garry!

Denise Bryers '09 achieved her goal of opening her gym Bootcamp Cincinnati in North College Hill in November 2016. She is a certified personal trainer, Boot Camp and INSANITY Instructor, and NPC Figure Competitor. Denise's story is an Oxygen Magazine feature and was covered by WCPO Channel 9 this past fall. Congratulations, Denise!



Forever Faith Photography



Dr. Danielle Waymeyer '09 and Dr. Charles Nicholas Eisenhauer IV were married on Sept. 22, 2016 in Rome, Italy, at Santa Anna in Vatican City.

2010s

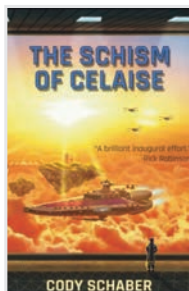


John Bovard '11 and **Laura (Svec) Bovard '13** welcomed their third child Bella Elizabeth in 2016. Bella joins big brothers Camden and Cohen. John is currently a Certified Financial Planner with Meril Lynch and Laura is a Registered Nurse at Jewish Hospital.



Winter Okoth '12 attended the 2017 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Honors and Awards Ceremony as a recipient. Winter is a graduate student studying molecular microbiology and immunology and founder of the Pamoja Kenya Mentorship Alliance (PAKEMA).

Cody Schaber '14 first-time author, published a military SciFi book, *The Schism of Celaise* (*The Skymarshall Trilogy*), in fall 2016. The book is available in print or digital formats. Cody loves to connect with former college mates; you can find him



on Facebook (@codyschaberauthor) or twitter (@CodySchaber).



Maria Vogel '14 studied avian and tropical ecology during the summer of 2016 in the Amazon. Maria, a student at Miami University, lives in Melbourne, Ky. She took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.

Jason Payne '15 was promoted to Managing Director of the Northern Kentucky Market at Republic Bank which includes responsibility for retail and residential mortgage growth in this area as well as mentoring a team of local lenders. Jason has been with Republic Bank since 2011 and quickly became one of the top producers leading to his expanded role.



Margaret Waller '15 studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars, and other wildlife in Belize, in summer 2016, while learning the methods communities are using to sustain them. Margaret, an animal experience specialist at Newport Aquarium, lives in Lawrenceburg, Ind. This graduate course is part of the master's degree program from Miami University's Global Field Program.



BASEBALL ALUMNI GAME 2016 - A HOMERUN!

Baseball alumni flocked to campus on Oct. 1, 2016 to enjoy some camaraderie on the diamond. Those in attendance included: Noah Welte '05, Cody Makin '14, Marcus Woelful '16, Brock Copeland '13, Mike Hager '13, Travis Miller '14, Paul Uhl '13, Andy Roenker '14, Tim Baldrick '16, Brad Popham '15, Taylor Smith (friend of a TMC grad), David Kennett '13, Tyler Graber '14, David Etscheid '13, Pat Berndsen '08, Michael Browne '08, Marty Kersting '10, Marc Price '08, Brandon Humphrey '16, Chris Fishburn '10, Terry Connor '92, Brian Klaene '93, Billy Arthur '93. Not pictured: Nick Pieczonka '05, Blake Burcham '05, Robby Kramer '03, Chris Booth '02, Kevin Brown '03, Eric England '03, Donny Capanari '05, Chris Sheppard '05, and David Kramer '02.



BASKETBALL ALUMNI RECOGNITION NIGHT 2017 - A SLAM DUNK!

Men's Basketball Alumni Recognition Night was held Jan. 7, 2017. These former players came out to cheer on the Saints: Hugh Wright '00, Louis Walker '16, Jalen Clark '16, Drew Mumford '15, Rick Hughes '98, Elliott Pipes '15, Kurt Pohlgeers '82, Spencer Berlekamp '15, Cory Grace '01, Aaron Miller '11, Mark Tinklenberg '09, Ethan King '13, Michael Selm '07 '09, Joe Langley '10, Jason Haggard '02, not pictured - D'Carlo Hayes '15.



Source: Chester Geaslen



The Littlest Church

SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, ART DIRECTOR | PHOTOS PROVIDED FROM TMC ARCHIVES AND KENTON COUNTY LIBRARY FACES AND PLACES PHOTO ARCHIVE. CREDIT TO THE KENTUCKY POST PHOTOGRAPHERS RAYMOND HADORN AND ELDON PHILLIPS

Thomas More College's Crestview Hills campus is home to a little gem of architectural beauty that long resided in the hills above Highland Pike in southern Covington, Ky. Monte Casino Chapel was built in 1878 by two Benedictine monks who were members of the Monte Casino Monastery. The Chapel was nestled among the fields of grapes for 43 years before Villa Madonna College opened its doors to students.

The Chapel was built to provide a quiet place for prayer and meditation. Located in the beautiful vineyards the monks worked to make altar and table wines, the chapel was made of fieldstone and measured just 6' x 9' with several small stained glass windows. It was dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under the title the "Sorrowful Mother" with a statue of Mary holding the body of Jesus (the Pieta) as the centerpiece.

The Monastery thrived until the Prohibition era at which time the winery that sustained them became unprofitable. Monte Casino closed in 1918 with the last monks leaving in 1923, but not before the Chapel achieved worldwide fame in 1922 when Ripley's Believe It or Not dubbed it the "smallest church in the world." The property was leased to the Burkhardt family for the next 34 years, and the little chapel fell into disrepair.

In 1957, Fred Riedinger bought the property and retained ownership of the Chapel after selling the majority of the land to

a housing developer. Riedinger donated the little Chapel to Villa Madonna College in memory of his deceased mother, Alma, in the mid-1960s. The College was preparing to relocate out of the city, having purchased land in Crestview Hills, Ky., and plans to move the little church from Covington to the new campus were required. Friend of the College, Matth. Toeppen, was instrumental in that move. I sat down with Matth. on a Thursday morning to learn how he became involved in this project.

"I was a member of the Knights of Columbus," Matth. says, "and they called me one day and asked if I could take a look at this church up on a Covington hill and (decide) if it could be moved. They would pay \$1,200." Matth. went down to determine the complexity of the job and immediately fell in love with the craftsmanship of the little church, "I was amazed at how much detail, how much hand-craft it took to chisel those stones to the shape that they were in. It took a tremendous amount of hand work that the monks put into building that church." It became a personal mission to preserve this tiny place of worship, this little piece of history that spoke to the exquisite craftsmanship of its builders, Father Otto Kopf and Brother Albert Soltis.

Moving the 90-ton stone structure was not a simple task. Nestled between homes, Matth., and his cousin, Rudy Pohlaben, had to work up a plan of action for the relocation effort. An



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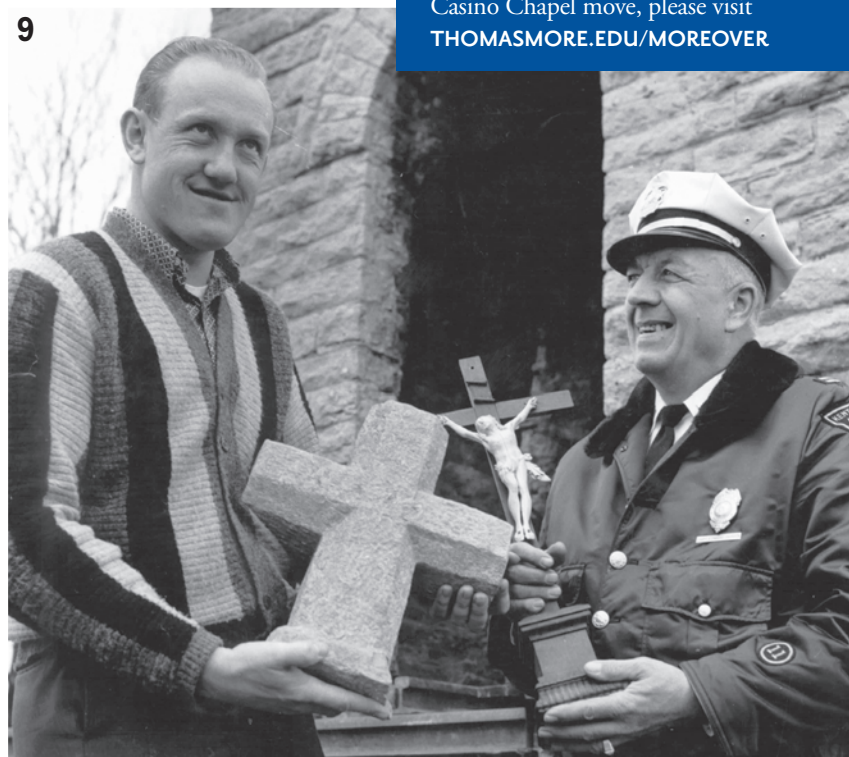
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Left to Right: 1) Early photo of the Chapel nestled on the hill in Covington. 2) Picture of the Chapel interior as seen by the monks before Monte Casino Monastery closed. 3) Positioning the chapel to be placed on the drag for the trip to Crestview Hills. 4) There was less than a foot of space on either side as the chapel was moved between the houses. 5) It was slow moving up the hill leaving Covington. 6) Early placement of chapel on its new foundation. 7) View of the chapel in its new home with Thomas More College in the background. 8) Dedication plaque. 9) A young Matth. Toebben and Captain Ed Dedden with original exterior cross and altar crucifix which were returned when news of the move was released.

For more photos of the Monte Casino Chapel move, please visit THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER



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immediate challenge was the inability to dismantle the Chapel to move it in pieces. The mortar holding the church together was so hard they could not get the stones apart. Back to the drawing board they went. It occurred to Matth. that if they found a large enough drag they could take the entire building in one trip. He and his men began working to break the church loose from its footings as he searched for a drag. The process took about two weeks and required jacking the building high enough to fit the large drag under it. As the first drag moved into position, it was evident that it was not large enough. Matth. had to search for an even larger drag, which was brought in from Cleveland, Ohio, to accomplish the job. Moving the chapel between the existing homes was the next challenge. There was only about a foot of room on each side of the drag as the men began maneuvering to squeeze the stone structure out to the roadway. The sheer weight of the load could have created issues for foundations. A temporary roadway of white oak boards was built between the homes to help absorb the weight, and Matth. took out extra insurance as a precautionary measure. As the drag moved past the first house, a stone driveway retaining wall gave way from the weight of the load.

The drag with the little church made it to the street

with no other mishaps and the procession from Covington to Crestview Hills began. Representatives from the telephone and electric company were on hand to clamber up and manually move wires in areas where the top of the church would have ensnared the low-hanging utilities. Up the hill to Dixie Highway they traveled, people coming out all along the way to see the oddity of the little church being towed through the streets on that Saturday afternoon.

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Minute Spiritual Break...

Segment from Reflections from the School for the Lord's Service, the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery's blog:*

THE SECRET OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

As a science teacher I was fascinated by the teaser on CBS Morning News that announced the science of New Year's resolutions. So I stayed longer than I had intended to listen.



Some facts from the research indicate ... 40% want to become better persons. As a person who has vowed *conversatio* to each day become better, I was impressed. But what struck me about the research was that most resolutions are not kept because they are built on will power. It was explained that will power is like a muscle. It is strengthened by use but breaks down and becomes useless if overused. So depending strictly on will power to fulfill our promises to ourselves can lead to failure. ... The recommendation was for short term goals that have measurable outcomes.

So I thought of a number of small things that I can do to advance my cause to be a better person. An area for concern is always relationships. Specifics will remain unnamed lest the persons I live with think they are the object of my resolution. ... Other areas are increasing environment efforts and peaceful non-violence.

But I will not depend solely on my own will power. Rather I will pray, "Lord, grant that I may place my trust in You. Too often I have depended on my own flawed person with its natural limitations and have failed to depend on You. So as I begin this year of 2017 I trust You will be there to assist me in my personal fulfillment and guide me in choosing appropriate, achievable resolutions. I am ever grateful for Your unfailing presence. Amen."

Sr. Mary Rabe, OSB

originally posted

Wednesday, Jan 4, 2017

*Thank you to the Benedictine sisters for giving Moreover permission to share their prayerful blogposts. God bless!



Top: The Chapel as it appears today at the corner of Turkeyfoot Road and Thomas More Parkway.

Left: Recent photo of Mr. Matth. Toeppen attending a Thomas More College function.

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Both local and national news coverage was focused on the effort and four hours later, the chapel arrived in Crestview Hills with the new footings that Matth. had poured waiting to welcome it to its new home. Amazingly, as news coverage spread, items that had gone missing from the little church during the earlier years of neglect were returned. After undergoing work to restore it more closely to its original condition, the little chapel was rededicated on Sept. 12, 1971.

The effort, time, and dedication involved in this project went far beyond the original \$1,200 stipend the Knights of Columbus offered. Matth. had only been in the United States for a little more than 10 years at the time the chapel was moved, having come from Germany as a young man in the '50s to find his fortune. When asked why he stuck with this project, he responded, "It was important to me because of the craftsmanship, the time that those monks spent to chisel each stone so it would fit, like the window sills and the arches – you can't replace that today." Monte Casino Chapel is a reminder of the tranquil serenity of a bygone time. It stands today at the corner of Thomas More Parkway and Turkeyfoot Road with its door facing Thomas More College in large part because of the dedication and effort of College friend, Matth. Toeppen.

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Campus Events & Happenings



SAINTS SALUTE - ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE

On Friday, Feb. 24, TMC honored St. Elizabeth Healthcare with a Saints Salute during halftime of the women's PAC semifinal tournament game. CEO Garren Colvin '86 and other members of St. Elizabeth Healthcare took center court as they were presented with the Saints Salute trophy.

SAINTS SALUTE - CINCINNATI REDS

On Wednesday, Feb. 8, during halftime of the women's basketball game, Thomas More College gave the first ever Saints Salute to the Cincinnati Reds to honor the partnership and support shown to the campus community. Phil Castellini, the Chief Operating Officer of the Cincinnati Reds, as well as other members of the Reds' front office were presented the Saints Salute trophy at midcourt. Pictured are team mascots Mr. Redlegs and Tommy Mo, looking on as President David A. Armstrong presents the award to Castellini.



LAWYERS LUNCH

The 35th Annual Lawyers Mass and Lunch on Feb. 5 commemorated the 539th anniversary of the birth of Saint Thomas More, patron of lawyers and politicians. This year's speaker was Jeffrey A. Standen, Professor and Dean of NKU Chase College of Law. Pictured are Jim Dressman '74, Mike O'Hara '89, Chris Nordloh (back) '90, Marianne (Zeil) Steward (front) '85, Noah Welte '05, Susan Brinkman (back) '81, Casey Guilfoyle (front) '81, Vince Thomas '82, Bob Greene, Dave Armstrong, Emily (Meier) Walters '04, Mike Brinkman '80, Donna Bloemer '91, Judge Steve Jaeger, Sr. '74, William Knoebel '85, Denny Helmer '73, Jodi B. Henry '99, Steve Jaeger, Jr. '02, Sandra M. Eismann-Harpen '02, Mike Ruberg '78, Scott McIntyre '97, and Judge Donald Wintersheimer '53.



Campus Events & Happenings



LITTLE WOMEN VILLA PLAYER ALUMNI RECEPTION

On Friday, March 3, many Villa Player alumni enjoyed a reception after the evening's performance, by current Villa Players, of *Little Women*, a musical adaptation inspired by the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott.

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

On Friday, Dec. 9, College benefactors gathered at the President's home to celebrate the Christmas holiday in the company of some of TMC's outstanding students. Nursing student Taylor Robinson '17, who is also a standout soccer player, wrote this to the President after the event: "Thank you so much for inviting us. We really enjoyed interacting with everyone and listening to their stories as well. It's always nice to see how far Thomas More has come along after all these years, and actually meet the people who contribute so much to our success. Being a part of the Thomas More community has been such a blessing in many ways, more than one, and I'm thankful for that. So thank you again, for having us be a part of such a wonderful night." Pictured at right with President Armstrong are Megan Barton '17, Taylor Budde '19, Madison Light '19, and Ran Liwag '17.

For more photos of this event, please visit

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2016 BISHOP HUGHES AWARD DINNER

On Thursday, Oct. 6, three outstanding women were honored at the twenty-first annual Bishop William A. Hughes Award Dinner. Marna Meier Zalla, D. Lynn Meyers '77, and Sr. Margaret A. Stallmeyer '68, CDP, received recognition for the outstanding support they have demonstrated to Catholic higher education and to Thomas More College specifically. Congratulations and thank you to these amazing ladies. This event was made possible by presenting sponsor Jenzabar.





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Religious freedom: an inalienable right

On February 17 and 18, 2017, the IRL hosted a two-day Academic Symposium featuring Joshua Charles, best-selling author of *Liberty's Secrets: The Lost Wisdom of America's Founders*. Kevin E. Schmiesing, Ph.D., a Research Fellow for the Acton Institute, was the guest speaker on Saturday. Expert panels on Friday and Saturday discussed the crucial link between religious liberty and economic freedom. Pictured from top left are: 1) Joshua Charles with President David A. Armstrong, J.D., and William T. (Bill) Robinson III '67; 2) Charles on Saturday morning with panelists Brett Greenhalgh, Kevin Brown, Ph.D., Sister Mary Kay Kramer '86, CDP, DNP, and Kevin E. Schmiesing, Ph.D.; 3) Charles signing books for attendees; 4) A crowd gathers in anticipation of Friday's keynote address. For more photos and a video of Friday's keynote and panel discussion, please visit

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CT with Frank Warnock
and Covington Mayor
Sherry Carran at the NKY
Chamber Awards.

The Politics of Being CT

SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, GRAPHIC DESIGN SPECIALIST | PHOTO PROVIDED

It's always refreshing to hear a student's success story and know that their work is having real world impact. TMC is blessed with students of outstanding character and talents and one such young man is Chris Tarrant '17. I had an opportunity to sit down with CT (as he's called by his friends) and discuss how he came to attend Thomas More College and talk about some of his achievements as an athlete and a student.

TMC was not part of CT's original college plan. It was after he had attended Ohio University and then Miami University Hamilton, where things did not work out, that he came for a campus visit. He had heard about the excellent academic programs and winning football tradition. The small class structure, along with a desire to continue his football career, sealed the deal and CT transferred to TMC to continue his studies in political science and take part in the Saints' athletic program.

As a Saints football fan, I have seen CT play. He was a member of the Big Blue football team at Hamilton High School in Ohio before bringing his talents to Thomas More. As a running back on the TMC offense, he has done well and is currently ranked fifth all-time rushing leader with 3,115 yards. Offensive Coordinator Trevor Stellman said of CT, "Chris was a constant leader on our team, showing his teammates the right way to do things, on and off the field. ... (He) leaves Thomas More as a respected leader who always wanted to outwork his opponent. Chris's work ethic created a competitive edge that allowed him to be a respected leader on our football team and in

our campus community."

It wasn't hard to tell as the interview progressed that CT feels comfortable in the spotlight and relishes the role of leader, a quality not unexpected for a political science major. He easily articulates his goals as well as how he hopes to achieve them. CT shared that he has been interested in politics since he was a youngster, not afraid to debate any and every topic with friends and classmates. When asked if he could see himself in politics, he immediately responded, "Yes, I can see myself in politics. My passion – my dream job would be working on Capitol Hill (in Washington, D.C.), but not as an actual politician. That's just my dream; in reality I would love to work in local politics, I do believe that's where you can effect the most change in peoples' lives." CT also feels that Americans need to have a working knowledge of the political system and processes, and be active participants, especially at election time.

This love of politics made it easy for him to choose Dr. J.T. Spence as one of his favorite professors. CT has taken many classes with Spence, who was instrumental in opening the door to an internship in spring 2015 with City of Covington Solicitor/Assistant City Manager Frank Warnock. The pride in his student was evident, as Professor Spence said, "(Chris) is the number one running back on the TMC football team (for the second year), a member of the National Political Science Honor Society, and (he) completed a most interesting internship in Covington with the city's legal office where he developed legislation that was adopted by the city's elected

*“I would love to work
in local politics, I do believe
that’s where you can effect the
most change in peoples’ lives.”*

officials, expanding the city’s diversity goals and objectives.”

CT interned with the City of Covington as a result of submitting an application and resume, leading to a face-to-face interview with Warnock. The Assistant City Manager said of CT, “When I first met Chris, I knew immediately that he is quite bright, willing to learn, willing to share, and had a desire to be a positive influence on others.” CT was given a major project to complete during his semester under the tutelage of Warnock: “He was tasked with writing a diversity statement for the City of Covington. He conducted research. He put a lot of effort and thought into the project. He was (also) asked to speak before several forums, including a Human Rights seminar, and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Covington. The end result was a Diversity Statement that was adopted by the Board of Commissioners.” The statement was also nominated for “Champion of Diversity” at the Northern Kentucky Chamber 2016 Business Impact Awards. Warnock shared, “I learned a lot about diversity working with him. I learned perspective must be considered and appreciated.”

The internship with the City of Covington fulfilled CT’s experiential learning requirement to earn his degree at TMC and also gave him an opportunity to impact the direction the City takes when it comes to diversity. It also opened his eyes to the need to stand out when it comes to applying for future positions, particularly in politics. Although the diversity statement was his major project, CT spent time shadowing young professionals and up-and-coming lawyers, helping them complete research in contract law filings for the city. Working closely with Warnock made it apparent that to stand out, even in local politics, would require that CT advance his education and sharpen the critical thinking skills that his TMC liberal arts education was providing. Warnock remarked, “I tried to convince Chris to go to law school. He would make an excellent attorney. I don’t know if he will do that or not, but I do know that he will be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses.”

When asked what his future plans hold, CT stated, “Education is something that I plan to pursue, whether it’s my master’s here at Thomas More or a law degree at Chase Law School at NKU. Since I was a kid, my mother has preached education, and especially in our economy today, furthering my education is the best thing for me.” CT also stressed that, though this is a time to work hard on your studies and other interests, it’s also the time you will meet the people who most impact your life. Get out, get involved, meet people outside of your normal parameter of friends, and have some fun. Those sound like words of wisdom from someone to look for as a political contender in the years to come!

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The city of Covington adopted the following Diversity Statement, which was a direct result of Chris Tarrant’s research and efforts during his internship:

CITY OF COVINGTON DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The City of Covington shall strive to provide and maintain a diverse workforce of individuals with various backgrounds and with differing interests and goals—this sort of diversity should not only reflect the wide variety of individuals in the community of Covington, but welcome newcomers to the City of Covington as well.

The idea of diversity embodies acceptance and respect.

It demonstrates patience when there are differences between people and firmly embraces the commonalities that we share together.

The City of Covington believes diversity produces an environment that fosters appreciation of values, skills, and abilities.

The City of Covington believes in diversity that appreciates “differences” and readily includes groups of people that have experienced discrimination and underrepresentation.

This includes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, marital status or any other characteristics that are protected under the law.

The City of Covington values principles that go against the insular mindset of the status quo.

The objective of this diversity effort is to create a culturally progressive and socially reflective workforce that represents, supports and celebrates diversity at all levels within City Hall, and the City of Covington.

As a legislative body, City Hall believes recognizing and valuing different perspectives is healthy for our democracy and our society here in Covington, Kentucky.

DO YOU KNOW A “DIFFERENCE MAKER”?

Tell us about a positive impact a TMC student or graduate is making in your community by emailing
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Jacob Hall '18, Brandon Klefot '20, and Ralph Stone '20 of the men's basketball team interact with residents at Kenwood Nursing Home.

Service to Others

SUBMITTED BY MARITA SALKOWSKI, COMMUNICATIONS & PR DIRECTOR | PHOTOS PROVIDED

Smiling faces were all around, as members of the 2016 DIII National Championship Women's Basketball Team spent an afternoon of winter break at the Rose Garden Home Mission in Covington, Ky. The student-athletes were spreading Thomas More College's mission-driven commitment to serve others by helping hand out toys, diapers, and food to families in need.

Athletic Director Terry Connor emphasized that service to others goes hand-in-hand with being a member of the TMC community, "Our coaches and student-

athletes do a tremendous job of living our mission by working with community organizations to help make an impact on the lives of others. Our student-athletes are privileged to compete in college athletics and earn an education at a school the caliber of Thomas More, and as a result they feel a responsibility to help others."

Service hours are not required for TMC student-athletes but coaches and teams take on various projects which help the community as a way to live the mission of the College, "...to examine the ultimate meaning of life,

TMC athletes help with the Special Olympics flag football tournament hosted on the TMC campus.



their place in the world, and their responsibility to others.”

The men’s basketball team spent part of their Christmas break at the Kenwood Nursing Home, conducted a food drive, and visited the Campbell County Juvenile Detention Center. The softball team drops in regularly at the Ronald McDonald House, and all TMC teams bowl with Special Olympians. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee runs a canned food drive for the Brighton Center with all teams participating. These are just a few of the many community service projects carried out by Thomas More College student-athletes year round.



Helping at the Rose Garden Home Mission are women’s basketball players Kirsten Paul ’17, Emily Schultz ’20, and Campus Ministry Director Andrew Cole.

Saints Represent in PAC Fall Academic Honor Roll

Fifty Thomas More College student-athletes have been named to the 2016 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Fall Academic Honor Roll - the most Saints named to an Honor Roll in either the fall or spring since joining the conference. The PAC Academic Honor Roll honors student-athletes on varsity sports teams who have earned a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale during their semester of competition.

For a complete list of the students named to the fall Academic Honor Roll, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/ATHLETICS click on **HEADLINES**.

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Standout Saints

STAR OF THE GRIDIRON

Senior football center **Trevor Meyer** ’17 (West Harrison, Ind./East Central) was named to the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) All-America Football Team.

Meyer was a first-team selection by the coaches association. The AFCA All-American teams are limited to just 50 elite players in the nation selected by member coaches and each school may have one selection on the first or second team.

Meyer helped anchor the offensive line that blocked the way for the Saints to secure their eighth PAC title in 2016 and earned the conference’s automatic qualifying bid to the NCAA Division III Championship with an unblemished 8-0 league mark.



Meyer

SOCCER SENSATIONS

Laura Felix ’17 (Burlington, Ky./St. Henry), **Megan Barton** ’17 (Florence, Ky./Villa Madonna), and **Erika LaRosa** ’17 (Cincinnati, Ohio/Seton) were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) NCAA Division III Women’s Scholar All-America Teams.

Felix was a first-team selection for the second-straight year. She carried a 3.98 grade point average in pre-medicine. Felix was also the 2016 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Player of the Year, and named to the NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region First Team for the third-straight year. She is also a four-time All-PAC selection and two-time first team pick.

Barton and LaRosa were both named to the second team. Barton posted 18 individual shutouts and combined on another as the Saints’ defense led the nation in shutouts. She posted 42 saves and had a 0.30 goal against average. LaRosa was second on the team in scoring with 29 points and scored five game-winning goals.

Taylor Robinson ’17 (Alexandria, Ky./Campbell County) was named a Second Team All-American by D3Soccer.com and named All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) for the Great Lakes Region.

The Saints finished the 2016 season with their sixth-straight PAC Championship and peaked at a No. 3 in the national ranking, which included a return to the sweet 16 or better for the fourth-straight year.



Felix



Barton



LaRosa



Robinson

STANDOUT ON THE COURT

Thomas More College junior guard **Abby Owings** ’18 (Independence, Ky./Simon Kenton) was named 2017 WBCA (Women’s Basketball Coaches Association) NCAA Division III Coaches’ All-America honorable mention. In addition to that accolade, Owings was voted the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Player of the Year in February and first-team All-Great Lakes Region by D3hoops.com.



Owings



Little Saints

Pride in your Alma Mater can carry over a couple generations. At TMC we love our littlest Saints!

CALLING ALL SAINTS!

Send photos of your little one(s) dressed in their TMC gear for the Little Saints' photo gallery in the next issue of *Moreover*.

Here's the scoop:

- 1) Ages birth to four years
- 2) Children or grandchildren
- 3) Older siblings can be in photo
- 4) Include alumni parent/grandparent name and graduation year
- 5) Submit digital photos to **MOREOVER@THOMASMORE.EDU** or mail a scan-able print using the envelope at the center of the *Moreover* magazine.



AUDREY (6 1/2 YEARS)
MAX (2 YEARS) AND
AUSTIN (4 1/2 YEARS)
PIECZONKA, children of proud parents Nick Pieczonka '05 and Allison (Byars) Pieczonka '05/'10.



CAROLINE MAE RAVERTY, (2 MONTHS), daughter of Maggie (Raverty) Baumgartner '09 and husband Mike; granddaughter of Pat Raverty '73 and TMC Professor Patty Raverty.



DECLAN RADEMAKER (6 MONTHS), grandson of TMC Professor Jack Rudnick. (Submitted by mom, Katie Rademaker.)

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In Memoriam

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

James C. Barnes Jr. '68, September 28, 2016

Barbara (Kordenbrock) Blackwell '73, December 3, 2016

Michael Denniston Jr. '12, April 23, 2016

Richard Frakes '77, November 20, 2016

Michelle Hayden '77, December 9, 2016

Sara (Fischer) Kennedy '63, June 29, 2016

Phillip Lingg '71, August 20, 2016

William McGee '57, January 5, 2017

Wayne C. Muench '68, January 30, 2017

Mary (Cooper) Paolucci '75, October 19, 2016

Mary Elise Regan '66, December 16, 2016

James Reis '74, October 28, 2016

Marian (Glenn) Schott '51, March 16, 2017

Edward J. Shannon '80, November 24, 2016



A Tribute to Gen Ann Harris '45



Detail of oil painting by Gen Ann Harris.

Dear Thomas More College Community,

It is with great sadness that I share the news of the death of one of Thomas More College's most cherished alumna, Genevieve Ann "Gen Ann" Harris, Class of '45. Gen Ann passed away Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Carmel Manor in Fort Thomas.

Gen Ann was born March 6, 1924 in Covington to the late Genevieve Sheridan Harris and William Harris. A graduate of LaSalette Academy, Gen Ann studied in Hawaii, Canada, and France; and, she received a Bachelor of Arts from Villa Madonna (now Thomas More) College. She worked as a columnist for the Kentucky Times-Star where she interviewed Eleanor Roosevelt on her visit to northern Kentucky. Gen Ann obtained a Master of Education from Xavier University, and enjoyed a long teaching career at Western Hills High School where she taught English, Spanish, and French and was also the head of the foreign language department.

A lifelong parishioner of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Gen Ann enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and had a generous spirit. She was a longtime volunteer at the Cathedral and at Travelers Aid International, where she taught English as a second language.

Gen Ann was a devoted advocate of Thomas More College and was the College's longest consecutive donor. In 1998, Gen Ann received the TMC Alumni Association Award for "Thomas More College Service," which is presented to an alumnus or friend of the College who has provided continued service to the College. Later,

in September 2012, Gen Ann was honored for her longstanding commitment to TMC. Recognizing Gen Ann's lifetime of giving, the College desired to acknowledge the many other alumni and friends who have given consecutively, year after year, and established the Gen Ann Harris Society in her honor.

Gen Ann had a lifelong love of art and travel. She enjoyed

studying art in many forms and was herself a talented artist, creating beautiful sculptures, paintings, jewelry, and clothing. She continued to create artwork and learn different art mediums until late in her life. Gen Ann was fortunate to be able to travel the world, visiting Europe, Russia, Egypt and Panama, to name a few of her journeys. She especially loved Paris where she enjoyed the works of the great impressionist artists.

Gen Ann is survived by many family and friends who adore her and will cherish her memory. The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D., performed her Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, April 22 and a public reception celebrating Gen Ann's life and legacy was held in Steigerwald Hall on the campus of her beloved Thomas More College. Gen Ann was a vibrant woman who proudly professed her allegiance to Thomas More College, and it is in that spirit and in her honor that I say, "God bless, Gen Ann, and Go Saints!"

David A. Armstrong, J.D.



Know a Prospective Student?

Tell us about a prospective student:

Prospective Student Name _____

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High School _____ Graduation Year of Student _____

Special Interest of the Student _____

Referred by: _____

Name _____ Graduation year (if applicable) _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Email Address _____

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Please return in the business reply envelope included in the center of this issue or submit online at THOMASMORE.EDU/PROSPECT. Thank you!





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Congratulations TMC writers and artists!

The 2017 edition of the student-managed *Words* publication is now available. Congratulations to the students with winning submissions! For your own copy of *Words*, please email MOREOVER@THOMASMORE.EDU or send a request in the envelope in the center of this *Moreover*.

WRITING AWARDS

Sandra L. Cuni Award

Sofie Vietas '19, *Still Life* (fiction)

Appalachia Award in Prose

Clinton Rothfuss '19, *From the Terrace* (fiction)

Appalachia Award in Poetry

Clinton Rothfuss '19, *Carlos the Fry Cook* (poetry)

RUCA Award

Rachel Whitehill '19, *Mary-Ann Lavandar Clearwater* (fiction)

Kate Bilbo Aspiring Writer Award

Erin Carrus '20, *Welcome to the Mind of a Thinker* (poetry)

The following pieces hovered close to the competitive line and received honorable mentions:

Clayton Conder '18, *God's First* (fiction)

Victoria A. Smith '18, *The Voices* (fiction)

Greg Wamer '17, *Fading of Time* (poetry)

ART AWARDS

Kate Bilbo Aspiring Artist Award

Katie Scheben '17, *Sophie the Dog*

Art Department Choice Award (variable)

Megan Caldwell '18, *Resting*

Art Cover Selection

Madison McLaughlin '19, *Fleeing Inspiration*

